

## **Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council**

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### **Monthly Board Meeting**

**PRA Office, Hope – April 1, 2013**

**Board Members Present: Bob Nero, Jack Donovan, Scott Goodinson, Rita Holahan, Jimmy Johnson, Arthur Langlais, Ginny Leslie, Mike Maddalena, Brian Manning, Steve McAllister, Bridget Skuce**

**Board Members Absent: Michael Breault, Tara Digre, Jack Lancellotta, Paul Lockett**

**Associate Member Present: Ross Adrain**

**Guest Present: Ray Wolf**

### **Call to Order**

**Mr. Nero called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. A quorum was present.**

### **Approval of Agenda**

**The agenda was distributed and on a motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Langlais, it was approved with additions of discussions on the Norwood Conservation Area, the Johnson's Ponds fishing tournament and an additional item from Mr. Nero.**

### **Approval of March, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

**On a motion by Mr. McAllister, seconded by Mr. Goodinson, the board**

**unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Ms. Holahan distributed her report and reviewed the significant deposits and expenditures. She also reported on the audit process and the 990AR, which is moving along; a draft may be completed for the Finance Committee to review before the next board meeting. The 990AR is due by May 15. Ms. Holahan also reminded board members to fill out and send copies of their personal annual report from the R.I. Ethics Commission to the PRA office for review by the auditor. On a motion by Ms. Leslie, seconded by Mr. McAllister, the board approved the Treasurer's report.**

### **Narraganset Bay Estuary Program report**

**Ms. Leslie reported on a meeting she attended on the Climate Change Adaptation Priorities. Sites identified included building and pavement removal at the Warwick Industrial Park; pavement removal south of the Shaw's parking lot; rain garden islands in the Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet parking lot; building and pavement removal at the RIDEM depot site on Warwick Avenue; and removal of the Pontiac dam. Also proposed were riverwalk corridors in Warwick and West Warwick. There is no funding identified for these projects and property owners have not been contacted.**

### **Spring 2013 Clean-up Schedule**

**Saturday, April 6: Veterans' Square and brook, probably assisted by**

**Johnson & Wales;**

**Saturday, April 13: Arkwright to Harris Riverwalk;**

**Saturdays, April 20 and 27: Along the main stem.**

### **Bass Tournament**

**Mr. Johnson stated that we have locked in the date: Saturday, September 7, with hopes of getting 50 boats on Johnson's Pond. Sponsors and merchandise donations will be needed; Mr. Johnson hopes to**

**have fliers ready by June. Proceeds will be split between the PRA and the Scituate Bass Anglers.**

### **Norwood Conservation Area**

**Mr. Goodinson reported that the Norwood Neighborhood Association wants to partner with the PRA on a clean-up the end of April. Volunteers from this group can help remove debris from the river.**

### **Coventry Representatives Meeting with Nathaneal Greene Homestead**

**No date has been set yet for a site visit.**

### **New England Saltwater Fishing Show**

**The show was well-attended and several people stopped by the PRA booth. People were interested in canoeing access points and trips.**

### **Lost Villages Bus Tour**

**Mr. Wolf will have a bus tour of the lost villages of Scituate on**

**Sunday, April 28. Several board members expressed interest in attending and plans will be finalized by e-mail.**

### **Land & Water Conservation Summit**

**This event was held March 9 at URI. Mr. Donovan and Ross Adrain attended.**

### **Randall Pond Project**

**Mr. Nero reported that we have received a grant from the Trails Advisory Committee for \$92,000 for improvements at the pond. We will need a wetlands permit; design costs should be limited.**

### **Blackamore Pond Project**

**There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 2 with the City of Cranston, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the PRA to review the project.**

### **Paddle Event**

**Mr. Adrain suggested the PRA sponsor a canoe race in conjunction with the RI Canoe and Kayak Association, perhaps in 2014. we would need to do reconnaissance of how canoeable the river is.**

### **Boat for Clean-ups**

**Mr. Nero proposed we consider purchasing a large, flat aluminum jet-propulsion boat that we could use for clean-ups in the river. We might be able to get a grant to help pay for it. It would revolutionize our ability to remove large items**

## **Anadramous Fish Observations**

**Phil Edwards and Alan Libby from RIDEM Fish and Wildlife will be at Pawtuxet falls tomorrow afternoon to assess the possibility of getting volunteers to observe anadramous fish there.**

**Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Langlais, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted, Ginny Leslie, Secretary**